GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - Establishment of SDG Monitoring Cell – Located at Planning Department – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT (CABINET-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.149 **Dated.24.11.2022**

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.110, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (MDL.I) Department, dated.19.07.2019.
2. G.O.Rt.No.151, Planning (X) Department, dated.11.10.2021
3. Note from the Special Chief Secretary to Chief Minister No.88, Dated.01.11.2022
4. G.O.Ms.No.132, General Administration (SC-A) Department, dated.04.11.2022
5. G.O.Ms.No.135, General Administration (SC-A) Department, dated.08.11.2022
6. G.O.Ms.No.144, General Administration (SC-A) Department, dated.18.11.2022
7. G.O.Ms.No.147, General Administration (SC-A) Department, dated.22.11.2022.

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ORDER:-

The Andhra Pradesh Government in the recent past has put in systems to improve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) performance and is fully committed to expeditious achievement of SDGs as mandated by the United Nations.

2. The steps taken to improve the performance in the SDGs include, drilling down relevant targets to the Village and Ward Secretariat level, monitoring of results at the grassroots level, development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for each of the indicator, creating necessary ecosystem to institutionalize processes, localizing indicators at the VWS level, a portal for data entry as well as regularly monitoring progress and building the capacity of functionaries at all levels. All these orders were issued in the GOs cited above.

3. The State Government is implementing the Navaratnalu-group of schemes and the effects of these schemes would be visible in the SDGs. In order to ensure timely achievement of the results of these schemes, it is imperative to constantly monitor these schemes and make course corrections based on feedback received from the monitoring. For this, the Government of AP has requested the Niti Aayog, to establish a SDG Monitoring Cell (SDGMC) in the State. In turn, the Niti Aayog has entrusted this task to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The UNDP India has consented to support such a Cell and has furnished a proposal to set up a SDG Coordination Centre in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

4. Government after careful examination of the proposal, have decided to accept the proposal of the UNDP and set up a specialized Sustainable Development Goals Monitoring Cell (SDGMC) in the Planning Department with the technical support of UNDP.

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5. The scope of the SDG Monitoring Cell would be as follows:-

- Strengthening the data ecosystem for generating policy insights in all Departments;
- Strengthening National reporting of data for accurately capturing State Progress;
- Provide analytical insights and advisory based on evidence to all Departments; and
- Concurrent evaluation of schemes leading to SDGs as set out in the State Indicator Framework.

6. The operating procedures for the SDG Monitoring Cell are given below:-

A) UNDP Support

(i) Monitoring and Evaluation – UNDP shall provide technical support, perform technical analysis, facilitates timely reporting of State data to GoI Ministries, provide technical guidance for concurrent evaluations of policies and programmes.

(ii) Knowledge Management - Provide technical guidance for concurrent evaluations of policies and programmes operated by all State Government Departments.

B) AP Government Support

(i) Establishment of SDG Monitoring Cell:

In the beginning, the Centre will consist of five professionals and they will be taken from the 25 already approved human resources in the Centre for Strategic Planning and Governance (CSPG) with a provision to draw more resources as the SDG Cell is progressively scaled up. This would lead to best deployment of existing sanctioned human resources as well be cost-effective. The required professional strength of five Professionals (Senior Technical Expert, Knowledge Management Consultant, Data Management, Monitoring and Evaluation Consultant, Local Governance & SDGs Consultant and Research Associate) would consist of:-

Senior Consultant	-1
Consultants	-2
Analyst	-1
Intern	-1

(ii) Expenses towards SDG Monitoring Cell Activities:

The activities basically relate to organizing of workshops, undertaking concurrent evaluations and capacity building. The expenses for activities would be met by the concerned departments from their own relevant budget heads.

(iii) Expenses for UNDP management & implementation Fee:

The only financial outflow would be towards payment of UNDP fee. The Finance department would provide funds to a tune of Rs.38.50 lakhs (for 2-years)-Rs. 18.80 lakh in the first year and Rs. 19.70 lakhs in the second year additionally to AP State Development

Planning Society (APSDPS) under the existing Head of Account towards the 8% fees to be paid to UNDP. This expenditure shall be met from this budgetary provision.

7. The complete administrative and logistic support to the Center would be provided by the Andhra Pradesh State Development Planning Society (APSDPS) as they are doing for other organizations (APAG) and have developed requisite experience.

8. The Secretary to Government, Planning Department, the Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh State Development Planning Society (APSDPS) and the Executive Director, Centre for Strategic Planning and Governance (CSPG) shall take all further necessary action accordingly.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O. No FIN01-FMU0PC(GAD)/114/2022 (Computer No.18995201).

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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All Spl. Chief Secretaries/Prl.Secretaries/Secretaries to Government,
The CEO, Andhra Pradesh State Development Planning Society (APSDPS)
The Executive Director, Centre for Strategic Planning and Governance (CSPG)
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